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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 24, 2001, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a European Search Report with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 99 96 6799, in which the following documents were cited:

- U.S. Patent No. 3,219,483, together with patent family member U.S. (1) Patent No. 3,308,037;
- (2) International Patent Publication No. WO 96/27761. Applicant notes that this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement, and thus a copy is not provided herewith;
- International Patent Publication No. WO 94/07086, together with patent (3)family member U.S. Patent No. 5,769,624;

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- (4) German Patent Publication No. DE 39 02 025, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (5) Australian Patent Publication No. AU 88999 82;
- (6) International Patent Publication No. WO 99/26021, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,685,102; and
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 3,749,548.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner, are set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents (3)-(6) are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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